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REMARKS**Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection**

The rejection of Claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-8 of US Patent No. 6,696,045 in view of Gaffar et al. (US Patent No. 5,094,844) has been maintained.

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and submit that the present claims do not overlap in scope with those of US 6,696,045. However, in the interest of advancing prosecution of the present case, submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer to the above commonly assigned patent, which should overcome the double-patenting rejection. Also submitted is authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 16-2480 the required fee for the terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, acceptance of the terminal disclaimer and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and allowance of the application.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned representative if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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